

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-17 (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) A biologically pure isolate comprising *Trichosporon* FERM BP-6445 having activity for decomposing a polyester containing an aromatic moiety.

19. (Currently amended) The biologically pure isolate comprising *Trichosporon* FERM BP-6445 as claimed in claim 18, wherein the polyester is a homopolymer or copolymer of an alkylene terephthalate.

20. (Currently amended) The biologically pure isolate comprising *Trichosporon* FERM BP-6445 as claimed in claim 19, wherein the alkylene terephthalate is selected from the group consisting of ethylene terephthalate, propylene terephthalate and butylenes terephthalate.

Claims 21-23(Canceled)